

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. BA 2223

Magi No. 03-2223-54-04

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common "Old Franklinville School" (although no verification of such use is available) presently the Talbott home

**2. Location**

street & number 11922 Jericho Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Franklinville ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district 11

state Maryland ☐ county Baltimore

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Samuel Talbott

street & number 11922 Jericho Road

telephone no.:

city, town Franklinville ☐ state and zip code Maryland 21087

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Towson New Courts Building ☐ liber 2771

street & number Bosley Avenue ☐ folio 0127

city, town Towson ☐ state Maryland 21204

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town ☐ state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Talbott home is located on Jericho Road, atop a hill overlooking Franklinville. The original rectangular shape of this residence has been altered considerably by two side wings and a rear addition with shed roof enclosed sun-porch. The original exterior walls are now painted white stucco over brick, while the additions are modern white vinyl siding. The house faces south, with generally regular fenestration. The north-to-south running ridge roof is covered in modern asbestos shingles with a single pipe, venting a modern furnace, exiting at the ridge just south of the front (south) gable. The house sits on a rocky rise, above the town of Franklinville, commanding an impressive view of the Gunpowder River below. To the north of the dwelling, on a forested hillside are the remains of a nineteenth century cemetery. (see attached sheet)

The front or southern facade is three bays wide, the westernmost bay being a 12 x 12 shed-roof porch covering the front door. The middle bay is now a brick chimney, and the easternmost, a 6 over 6 sash window.

The easternmost facade, running parallel to the Gunpowder River and the Jericho Road, extends north and south and consists of a two-bay modern wing, the two bay deep continuation of the structure's original length, and to the north, the new kitchen extension.

The westernmost facade begins, at the north end, with a sun-porch enclosed on three sides with jalousie windows. the two bays of the original structure, two 6 over 6 sash windows, extend toward the covered porch at the dwelling's southernmost end. In its present state, the house is 4 bays wide and six bays long.

The present Talbott home is reputed to have originally been a combination school and church, serving the inhabitants of the mill town. In an early photograph of the home, the building was apparently rectangular in shape, approximately 39 feet long, of brick in common bond. The present home is of approximately the same height as the original, and is covered with a gable-end roof. The original was three bays wide; the middle bay on the west side having been a large sliding door, reaching almost to the roof. At the southern facade was a tall single door, surmounted by an arched marble pediment, a form reflected in the original interior by

## Description of Talbott house continued---

a tray ceiling of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tongue and groove boarding . An examination of the attic of the present home found machine cut nails in the roof callars. In the basement of the present addition is visible a section of the original structure's foundation: large pieces of mortared granite are topped with a level of coursed stone (still partially visible on the exterior).

The interior of the house bears no resemblance to that of the original structure . The tongue and groove ceiling has been covered over as have the floors. The two wings which were added on both sides of the building have completely altered the original appearance of the structure's interior.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☒ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although no documentation was found to prove the Talbott's home to have been a school, both the memories of the town's older residents and the two photographs extant, suggest that it once served such a purpose. So completely has it been altered that any resemblance between the present and the original structures is almost nonexistent. However, its former identity as both school, and possibly church, for the residents of Franklinville, a planned nineteenth century mill-town community, makes it an important part of this historic village.

### CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantor-Arthur G. Mathias and Carroll C. Mathias Sept. 2, 1955 2286-359  
Grantee-Samuel and Dorothy V. Talbott

Grantor-James G. Klinefelter May 4, 1953 2286-356  
Grantee-Arthur and Carroll Mathias

Grantor-Anna A. Barnes and Carroll C. Mathias Aug. 20, 1930 859-304  
Grantee-James G. Klinefelter

Grantor-Marvin and Mable Merryman March 11, 1929 802-230  
Grantee-J. Ira and Anna A. Barnes

Grantor-Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills March 11, 1929 802-230  
Grantee-Marvin and Mable Merryman

At this point, the title goes to a foreclosure, with the assignee being J. Crossan Cooper, and the property belonging to the Oak Tire and Rubber Company, possibly a subsidiary of Mt. Vernon Woodberry Mills. The entire town was auctioned off, and ceased operation as a mill, in 1916 and was owned for a time by the Merrymans. Mt. Vernon actually received title from Albert A. Blakeney and Albert D. Jones (a county commissioner), August 24, 1899 241-43. This ownership went as far back as 1881 in a lease arrangement, with these gentlemen acquiring ownership in 1883-4.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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1882 Transfer books, 11th district,  
land records- deed and title room, Towson New Courts Building  
Record of the Commissioners, Liber 1, Folio 89-90

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.787Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susie V. Hiss, student at Goucher Collegeorganization Goucher College, Historic Preservation date May 18, 1983street & number Dulaney Valley Road

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city or town Towsonstate Maryland

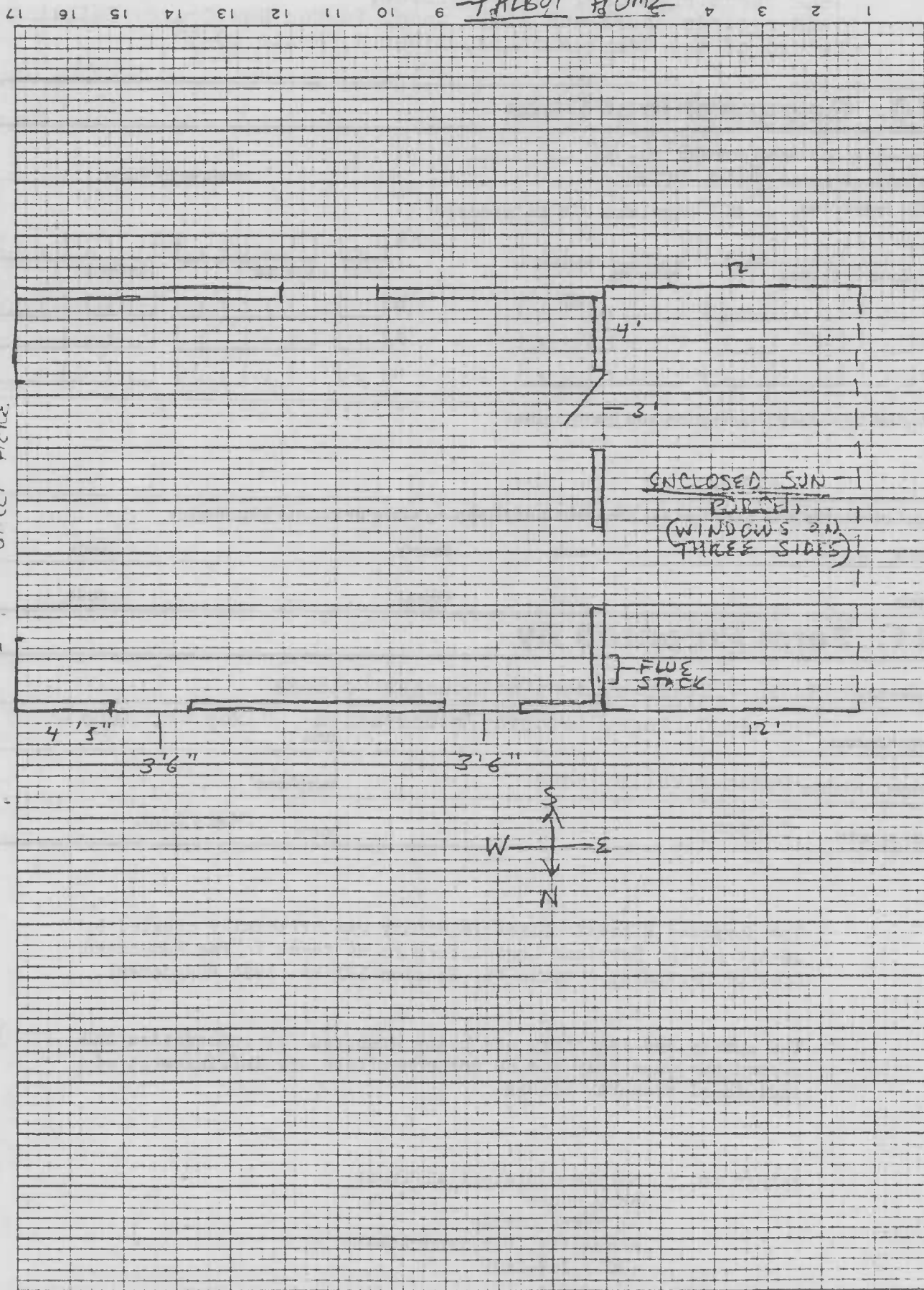
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and  
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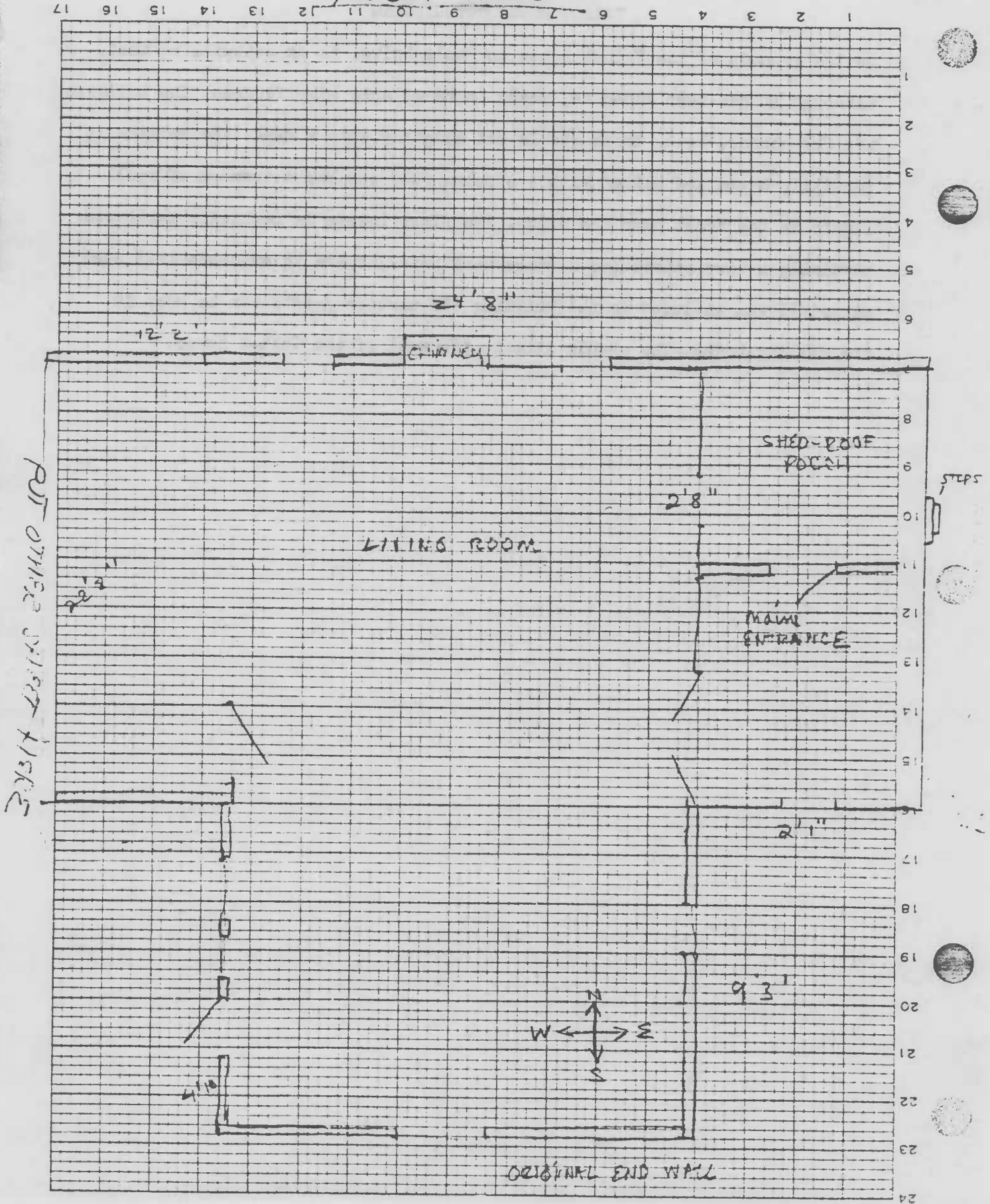
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PLAN OF  
TALBOT HOME



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SIDE OF HOUSE

# PLAN OF TALBOT HOME



## TALBOT HOUSE OUTBUILDING

On the grounds of the Talbot house on Maple Drive, is an outbuilding that, although it has been added to, seems to be of some significance. The building was for horses, being three stalls set slightly into a bank. The outside is partially board and batten with a sloping roof and has a transom of small lights in the front over the doors. The floor inside is partially earth and partially a very attractive lattice work brick. There is evidence that used material<sup>1</sup> was included in the building old mortise joints can be seen in the ceiling beams. The stable sits to the west of the Talbot house.



"Old Franklinville Cemetery"

At the north end of the Samuel Talbot property in Franklinville, lies an old graveyard with an entrance from the south about one quarter of a mile from Maple Drive. There were gates to the cemetery which are not defunct and the gate stones of which form the entrance to the Talbot property driveway. The stones portray two faces one of a man and one of a woman in what appears to be a mournful although not grotesque countenance and done in a romantic manner.

There were fourteen obvious graves although more stones have fallen and may be out of sight. Most of the headstones are simple arched tops with two scalloped ones. Three of the visible stones are signed by A. Gaddess, a prominent Baltimore stone cutter, indicating the first there was possibly not a good local stone cutter and second, that the persons buried here had the wherewithall to hire this man from the city. The designs on the stones are for the most part the typical weeping willow tree, although three of them have at least on obelisk. Over all the decorations are very plain. A)

Almost every stone had an inscription of some sort.

Why do we mourn departed friends  
Or shocked at death's alarms?  
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends  
He calls us to his arms.

The names of the people do not seem to be traceable to the names found on the deeds of Franklinville property. Most of the death dates center around the mid nineteenth century. The cemetery is not maintained by anyone except some of the Talbot family members who kindly trim the grass and reset the stones. It has been subject to some vandalism.